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Local Energy Communities: a vehicle for islands' energy transition?

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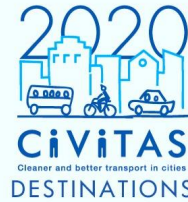


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- European islands have demonstrated in the past their capacity to work together
 - Pact of Islands
 - Smart Islands Initiative
- The concept of islands being the most suitable Living Labs for innovation has been well understood and accepted
- The Declaration of Valletta goes beyond energy and calls for actions in sustainable mobility, water & waste management, citizens' empowerment and sustainable tourism



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- Islands' main energy priorities
 - Self-sufficiency
 - Energy transition - decarbonisation
 - Economic growth/job creation
- CPMR's IC has 22 island regions as members
 - in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean the North Sea, the Baltic and the Indian ocean
- Many of its member-regions have already developed and are implementing multi-annual RE, EE & ST programmes (Madeira, Corsica, Azores, Canary islands, Gotland)



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- The CPMR is contributing to the formulation & implementation of sustainable EU policies, including green energy & sustainable transport policies
- It is a partner in a number of H2020 and Interreg projects dealing with sustainable mobility & green tourism.
- The CIVITAS DESTINATIONS (www.civitas.eu/destinations) project brings together 6 CPMR insular regions that within an 18 M€ budget will deliver 82 measures and innovative actions of sustainable mobility for citizens and tourists alike.
- In a "long-term" perspective, the CPMR Islands Commission will continue to be active in order to defend the strategic importance of the decarbonisation of island economies.



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- The CPMR and its Islands Commission led by Corsica is actively involved in the ERDF post 2020 negotiations. The ERDF may be a major tool in financing the islands' decarbonisation challenge.
- The CPMR is ready and capable to be a strong partner of the European Commission in promoting and implementing the European islands' energy transition
- It is in a good position to support the 3 pillars of the Smart Islands Initiative:
 - The Forum
 - The Conference
 - The Platform



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Thank you

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